

Math 361 Numerical Analysis
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Answer the following questions in the space provided. Show all work. (30 pts. total.)

1. Let $p = \sqrt{3}$ and $p^* = 1.67$.

(a) Find the relative error. (5 pts.)

$$R.E = \frac{|p - p^*|}{|p|} = \frac{|\sqrt{3} - 1.67|}{|\sqrt{3}|} = 0.0358250605 = 3.5825 \times 10^{-2}$$

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(b) To how many significant digits does p^* approximate p ? Justify your answer. (5 pts.)

p^* approximates p to 2 significant figures because the t value on the relative error is equal to 2.

2. Use computer arithmetic with three digit chopping to perform the following computation. Be sure to show all intermediate steps. (10 pts.)

$$\frac{2}{7} + \frac{5}{16}$$

$$\frac{2}{7} = 0.2857142857 \approx 0.285$$

$$\frac{5}{16} = 0.312$$

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